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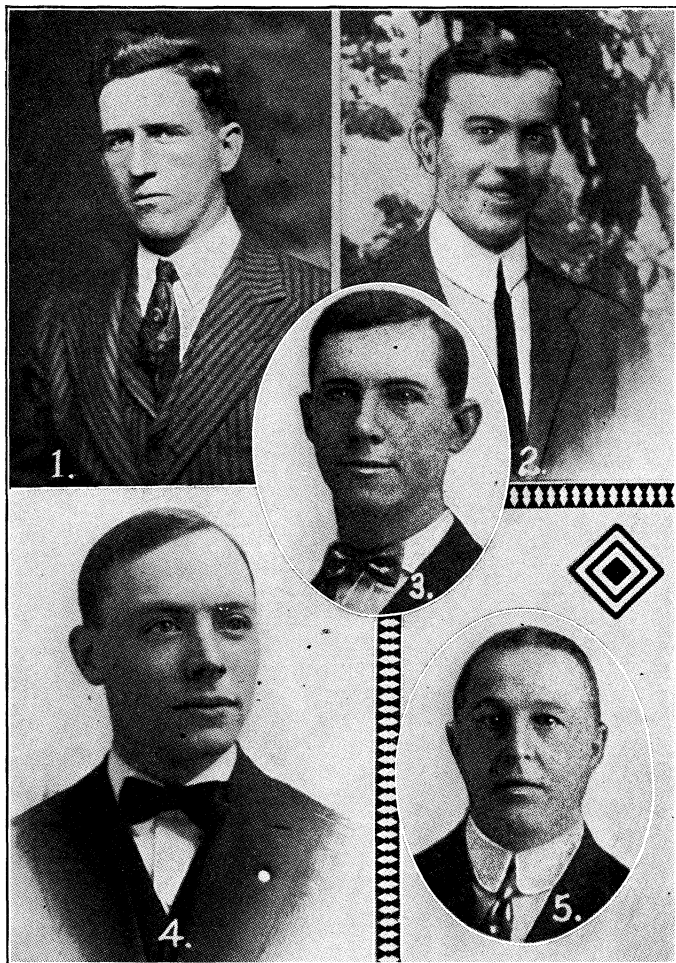
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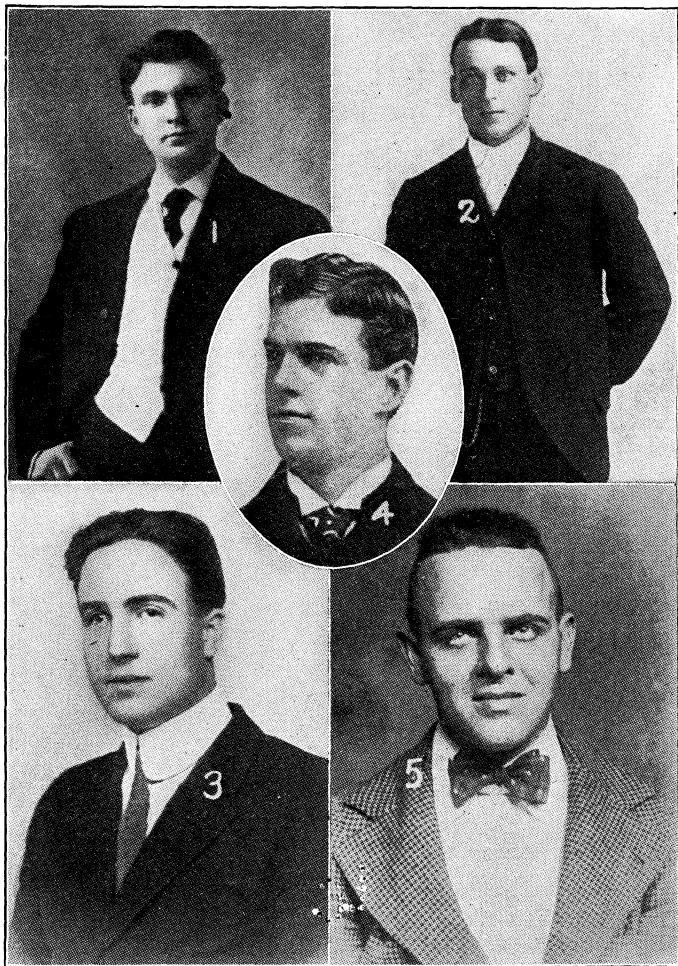
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## Origin of Indoor Base Ball

Indoor base ball can be said to have been born in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day, 1887. George W. Hancock was the "doctor" who brought the new game into the world of sport, and this is how it got its start:

On Thanksgiving Day, 1887, members of the Farragut Boat Club had assembled in their gymnasium and were having some fun by tossing an old boxing glove about the room. One of the boys took up a broom and calling upon the thrower to "put one over, waist high," batted the glove across the hall. The batsman howled in glee as, landing on the glove with a loud smack, he sent it soaring over the head of the thrower. The two were having great sport when one of the other members, George W. Hancock, suddenly exclaimed, "Say, fellows, what's the matter with all of us getting in on this? Let's have a game of ball."

Thereupon the huge wrestling mat was hauled out on the floor to serve as a diamond and a lively game of "scrub" took place. The broom handle was broken off and used as a bat, and the unwieldy boxing glove served in place of a ball. The players had so much fun out of the game that it did not break up for more than an hour, and it gave Mr. Hancock a chance to call the boys around him and unfold a plan which had been forming in his brain as the game was going on.

Mr. Hancock told his clubmates that he believed it possible for the game they had been playing to be developed into a modified game of base ball that could be played indoors. "I'll work on this proposition to-morrow," said Mr. Hancock, "and if you all will come down Saturday night, we'll have a regular game. I'll draw up some rules and will have a ball and bat on hand which will better suit the indoor game and do no damage to the surroundings."

Saturday night came around and all the members were on hand, Hancock's proposition having aroused a lot of interest in the club. Mr. Hancock read the rules which he had framed in conformation with the limited size of the hall, etc., and presented to the gaze of the assembled members the big ball and small rubber-tipped bat, which since have been identified with the game. Two teams were chosen and the game started. The fun was fast and furious and players and spectators got plenty of enjoyment out of the affair. Everybody went away singing the praises of "indoor base ball," as the new sport was christened.

From that little game played by the members of the Farragut Boat Club in Chicago in 1887, indoor base ball has grown until it now not only reaches out into all parts of the country, but has been taken into foreign lands by American exiles. Thousands of persons are entertained in the winter months, either as active participants or enthusiastic spectators of the games. To the "fans" the winters do not seem half so long or as dreary as they did in the days when there was no form of base ball between October and April. They no longer have to hibernate like the bears when the cold weather comes.

If Mr. Hancock's dish doesn't taste as delicious as the original to the base ball epicureans, it certainly can be said that indoor base ball, at least, is a splendid substitute for America's great national outdoor pastime.

## **Annual Meeting of the National Association of Indoor Base Ball Clubs of the United States**

By A. T. GREELEY.

The 1915 annual meeting of the National Association of Indoor Base Ball Clubs of the United States was held at the association headquarters in Chicago.

The National Advisory Board of Directors submitted a report which shows the game to have gained greater popularity during the past twelve months than has ever been recorded in the history of the association.

The executive committee also submitted a report showing the affairs of the association to be in splendid shape.

An amendment to article four of the constitution to relieve the president of the duties of the office of secretary was adopted.

The executive committee requested all the members to adopt such means as are practical to secure a larger membership as well as submitting suggestions for the advancement of the game. All such suggestions to be sent to the secretary at the association headquarters, 30 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The following officers were elected: Thomas Griffin, president, 18 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago; John E. Enders, secretary, 165 W. Goethe Street, Chicago; Mike Meyer, treasurer, 175 W. Monroe Street, Chicago; Thomas O'Connell, first vice-president, 4033 Colorado Avenue, Chicago; A. T. Greeley, second vice-president, 757 Railway Exchange Building, Chicago; executive committee, Mike Meyer, chairman; J. P. Keary, James F. Corcoran, Thomas Flynn, Justin McCarthy, John Carlisle, Mat Fitzpatrick, P. V. Hyland, Garfield Johnson.

## Suggestions to Umpires

Umpire William Klem, after the world's series between the Athletics and Giants in 1913, declared that integrity was the chief requisite for success as an umpire. The National League official cited several instances of the series to show that the faith of the public in the honesty of the umpire had been thoroughly established.

In his comments Umpire Klem had assumed that the man accepting a position as umpire had a clear eye, quick brain, physical agility, a thorough knowledge of the rules, and was an exponent of the principles of clean living.

Moral courage, too, is a requisite of the successful umpire. Integrity goes with moral courage. It enables a man to hold as well as gain a position as umpire.

On the question of umpires, Governor John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania, now president of the National League, makes some comments which apply to umpires as well as the players of base ball. He says:

"The umpire can make mistakes as well as the players, and I believe in giving them both a fair deal. An umpire occupies a very peculiar position. He must run the game at a good clip and at the same time he must bear in mind the entertainment of the public. The public always should be considered. Spectators often do things that annoy the players. The umpire has to protect the players, but he also has to be careful not to put too much restraint on the spectators, who are there to enjoy the game. That is one of the biggest problems an umpire has to face.

"Again, I think there are cases when a player's side of a controversy should be heard as well as the umpire's. That is also a serious proposition. Unless an umpire is allowed to run the game in a czar-like fashion, the players are likely to take advantage of him. But, remember, they also have rights that are violated at times."

The need of all the qualities that make up a successful outdoor umpire are apparent in the indoor game. Artificial light is a factor in making it necessary for the arbitrator to have strong eyes and ability to think quickly.

One of the first things for an umpire to acquire is to thoroughly familiarize himself with all the rules so that he can give a decision quickly and not be obliged to refer to a rule book. Assume full charge of the play from the commencement to the termination of the game, be firm in your decisions, and do not allow any player except the captain to discuss a decision with you, nor allow the players to discuss a decision among themselves, as wrangling of this kind is very annoying to the spectators. Never be too friendly with the players or talk with the spectators during the progress of the game and especially do not argue with them about any of your decisions. Never start a game without having a thorough understanding with both captains regarding the ground rules.

See that the players take their positions in the field promptly and that the next batter up is always ready to take his place at bat.

Don't be afraid to move, so as to get in the best possible position to properly judge a close play. The umpire should think the same as a player, that if a certain play is made, what he should do, and figure out what position he should take to see the play properly.

As a parting injunction, do not under any circumstances allow profanity or vulgarity of any kind, for nothing will so quickly demoralize the sport and cheapen the game.

## Inter-Club Base Ball League of New York City

Six of New York's most exclusive social clubs make up the Inter-Club Base Ball League. The organization is controlled by a president, secretary and a board of governors, composed of two representatives from each club represented in the league.

E. Pierpont Hicks, of the Calumet Club, is president, and the following are governors:

Calumet Club—Carl R. Schultz, J. Hartley Mellick. Knickerbocker Club—Frederick Kernochan, Robert J. Turnbull. Racquet and Tennis Club—George L. Wrenn, Edgar C. Lackland, Jr. Twelfth Infantry Officers' Club—Captain Frank J. McCoy, Captain E. H. Janes. Union Club—Hamilton Fish Benjamin, George A. Washington. University Club—Frank H. Simmons, T. F. Wilcox. Secretary, C. P. Duval.

Games are played out doors every Saturday during the winter, except when the weather makes this impossible, and then the armory of the Twelfth Infantry is used. Nothing less than a blizzard or driving rainstorm, however, is considered an excuse for playing indoors.

The schedule calls for games from the first part of December until the latter part of April, the object, according to the constitution of the League, "shall be to engage in, encourage and foster the playing of a modified form of base ball, preferably outdoors, during the winter months, for the exercise and amusement of the members of the various clubs represented in the league, such game to be known as Inter-Club Base Ball, and to be a combination of regular base ball and what is known as indoor base ball, as described in the rules."

The league has its own set of rules, based on the rules printed elsewhere in this book, with minor changes made necessary by the size of the field and the changed conditions out doors.

Spalding indoor base balls and bats are used.

The organization of the league is interesting. It had its inception in the Calumet Club in the winter of 1912, when a match game was proposed with six men on a side. Two teams were selected, one captained by Carl R. Schultz and the other by E. Pierpont Hicks, and a lot thirty feet wide on Thirtieth street, near Madison Avenue, was procured. This game was umpired by "Christy" Mathewson, the New York Giants' famous pitcher.

None of the twelve Calumet Club men had ever played the game before, but the match was very interesting and amusing to the players and to a large number of clubmen who braved the zero weather. The day was so cold that score keeping was very difficult, and the result was close, the team captained by Mr. Hicks finally winning.

The game was witnessed by a number of men from the Knickerbocker Club, who immediately issued a challenge to the Calumet Club, which was promptly accepted, and in this game the Knickerbocker Club team, captained by Justice Kernochan, won from the Calumet Club team, of which Magistrate Corrigan was captain. Then the Racquet and Tennis Club became enthusiastic and challenged the Calumet men, putting up a strong team of former college stars, captained by J. Lorimer Worden.

As other clubs rapidly became infected with the spirit of the game, it was decided to have a regular organization and the league was formed in the fall of 1912, with E. Pierpont Hicks as president, which position he still holds, having been twice re-elected.

Mr. C. P. Duval has been Secretary and Treasurer since the formation of the league.

Many who were stars of the diamond during their college days play on the various teams in the league, more than one of whom have made names for themselves in other branches of sport.

The organization is sometimes called the Winter League, or the Millionaires' League, the latter because of the wealth and high standing of the players, who, often in the middle of winter, might have been seen engaged in a spirited game on the condensed field on Fifth Avenue between Seventy-first and Seventy-second streets, owned by Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The position and influence of the board of governors is unique in base ball history, as probably every prominent man in New York is a member of at least one of the clubs represented, but in spite of this Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt insisted on selling the league's Fifth Avenue grounds for a sum said to be in excess of a million dollars, and a palatial apartment is now being erected thereon. It will probably not be difficult for the league to secure another good lot for the season of 1915-1916.

More than a hundred men take part in the games during a season. Those who play in the league include the following well known men: Larry Waterbury, the international polo player; the Wrenn brothers and Clarence C. Pell, of tennis fame; Justice Kernochan, Magistrate Corrigan, John De Saullés, a famous Yale diamond and gridiron star; William Tilt, a former Columbia varsity twirler; Harold Weeks, once Columbia's foot ball dependence; Frank J. McCoy, Frank H. Simmons, Hamilton Fish Benjamin and Robert J. Turnbull, of past base ball fame at Yale; Charles Leonard and Hamilton Fish, Jr., of Harvard base ball and foot ball prominence; George Milburn, Edward H. Delafield, Lydig Hoyt, Johnston and Louis Livingston, Major Reginald Foster, of Governor Whitman's staff; George T. Brokaw, Oakley Vander Poel, David and George Wagstaff, Howard Homans, Woodward Babcock, Douglas Gibbons, Frederick de Rham, Monson Morris, "Bert" Fish, Samuel Hinkley, Fred Wilcox, Rogers Bacon, Harry T. Gray, James Duane Pell, Albert and Benjamin Tilt, Charles S. Brown, Jr., George A. Washington, Horace Stebbins, Edgar C. Lackland, Jr., J. Lorimer Worden and many others whose names adorn the Blue Book.

Mr. Arthur Barnwell, Jr., of Yale fame, is the official umpire, and has won a reputation for absolute fairness and competency.

The success of the league is evidenced by the fact that there are applications from six different clubs, who are desirous of entering the race for the 1916 pennant.

At the end of the season it has been the custom to have an annual dinner when the ceremonial presentation of the pennant and cups takes place.

The official averages, which have been compiled by Secretary Duval with as much care and detail as those of the "big leagues," themselves, are as follows:

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club.	G.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	G.	W.	L.	PC.
Racquet & Tennis.....	15	12	3	.800	Union .....	15	6	9	.400
University .....	15	11	4	.733	Calumet .....	15	5	10	.333
Knickerbocker .....	15	7	8	.467	12th Infantry.....	15	4	11	.267

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS—Continued.

	R. & T.	Univ.	Knick.	Union.	Cal.	Inf.	Won.
Racquet & Tennis.....	1	2	3	3	3	12	
University.....	2	..	2	2	3	2	11
Knickerbocker.....	1	1	..	2	2	1	7
Union.....	0	1	1	..	2	2	6
Calumet.....	0	0	1	1	..	3	5
12th Infantry.....	0	1	2	1	0	..	4
Lost.....	3	4	8	9	10	11	

37 games played on the field. 8 games played in Armory.

## TEAM BATTING AVERAGES.

	G.	AB.	R.	HR.	3B.	2B.	H.	SB.	BB.	SO.	PC.
Racquet & Tennis..	15	536	176	..	2	21	250	160	49	10	.467
University.....	15	529	169	..	..	21	221	157	44	11	.418
Union.....	15	498	147	1	6	13	201	111	38	10	.404
Knickerbocker.....	15	496	125	..	..	23	199	135	36	13	.402
Calumet.....	15	494	117	..	2	17	198	101	34	6	.401
12th Infantry.....	15	583	114	..	1	13	192	131	27	11	.329

## INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES.

Player and Club.	AB.	R.	H.	PC.	Player and Club.	AB.	R.	H.	PC.
Leonard, R. & T.....	65	33	46	.708	Gerry, Knickerbocker.	5	1	2	.400
Rawlins, R. & T.....	3	1	2	.666	Cross, Knickerbocker..	5	..	2	.400
De Saulles, Union.....	5	2	3	.600	Watson, Union.....	81	23	32	.395
Brokaw, University.....	72	17	42	.583	Janes, Infantry.....	76	22	30	.395
Litchfield, R. & T.....	69	32	39	.565	Clark, R. & T.....	46	12	18	.391
McCoy, Infantry.....	66	19	36	.545	A. Tilt, Calumet.....	67	13	26	.388
Marvin, R. & T.....	22	4	12	.545	Coggeshall, University	63	12	23	.365
Chadbourne, Infantry.	13	3	6	.545	Coolidge, Calumet....	63	12	23	.365
C.W. Schultz, Calumet	39	12	21	.539	Foster, Infantry.....	33	6	12	.364
Brown, Infantry.....	30	11	16	.533	J. D. Pell, University.	76	25	27	.355
Moss, Knickerbocker..	77	29	40	.520	Coppell, R. & T.....	31	4	11	.355
Washington, Union...	66	29	34	.515	Green, University....	19	7	7	.350
Tweed, Knickerbocker	50	18	25	.500	Holt, Infantry.....	69	21	24	.348
Taylor, Infantry.....	38	9	19	.500	Kernochan, Knick....	24	2	8	.333
Milburn, Knick.....	6	1	3	.500	DeLafield, Union.....	18	2	6	.333
Dana, Knickerbocker..	6	1	3	.500	E. C. Bacon, Knick....	15	5	5	.333
Richard, Calumet....	4	1	2	.500	Hoyt, Knickerbocker.	12	1	4	.333
W. A. Tilt, Calumet..	27	10	13	.482	Norris, R. & T.....	12	3	4	.333
Simmons, University..	79	29	38	.481	H. Fish, Jr., Knick...	43	7	14	.326
Battershall, Calumet.	15	3	7	.466	Mellicke, Calumet....	28	4	9	.321
Cerero, Calumet.....	15	5	7	.466	Gauche, Infantry.....	22	3	7	.319
Noel, Knickerbocker..	52	14	24	.461	Hildreth, Infantry...	80	14	25	.312
Wilcox, Univ.....	85	37	39	.459	Gibbons, Union.....	68	15	21	.309
de Rham, Knick.....	61	20	28	.459	Homans, University...	69	19	21	.304
Bigelow, Calumet....	58	13	26	.448	Ashmore, Infantry....	56	6	17	.304
Vander Pool, Union...	90	29	40	.444	Babcock, Knick.....	23	3	7	.304
Wagstaff, Union.....	27	9	12	.444	Turnbull, Knick.....	33	9	10	.303
A. R. Fish, R. & T...	77	18	34	.441	Rae, Knickerbocker..	33	8	10	.303
Gray, Knickerbocker.	30	9	13	.433	C. R. Schultz, Calumet	53	8	14	.264
Benjamin, Union.....	81	26	35	.432	Higginson, Knick....	4	..	1	.250
Weeks, Union.....	33	12	14	.424	R. Bacon, University.	9	2	2	.222
Hinckley, Union.....	62	16	26	.420	McAlpin, University..	10	1	2	.200
Leavitt, Union.....	31	8	13	.419	Mackay, Calumet....	5	..	1	.200
Aten, Calumet.....	43	9	18	.418	Theriot, Union.....	11	1	1	.091
Sheffield, R. & T...	69	22	28	.416	Terry, Knick.....	11	..	1	.091
Stebbins, R. & T.....	71	21	29	.413	Carey, Knick.....	..	..	..	.000
Wrenn, R. & T.....	66	28	27	.409	Gruner, R. & T.....	1	..	..	.000
B. B. Tilt, Calumet..	77	27	31	.403	Dean, Infantry.....	2	..	..	.000
Smith, Union.....	10	3	4	.400	C. C. Pell, Union.....	5	..	..	.000

## HOME RUNS.

Player.	Club.	No.
Gibbons, Union.....		1

## THREE BASE HITS.

Player.	Club.	No.	Player.	Club.	No.
Benjamin, Union .....		3	Leonard, Racquet & Tennis.....		1
Gibbons, Union.....		2	Stebbins, Racquet & Tennis.....		1
Brown, Infantry.....		1	Watson, Union .....		1
C. W. Schultz, Calumet.....		1	B. B. Tilt, Calumet.....		1

## TWO BASE HITS.

Player.	Club.	No.	Player.	Club.	No.
Leonard, Racquet & Tennis.....		9	Moss, Knickerbocker .....		4
de Rham, Knickerbocker.....		7	McCoy, Infantry .....		4
C. W. Schultz, Calumet.....		5	Simmons, University .....		3
Washington, Union .....		5	Brokaw, University .....		3
J. D. Pell, University.....		5	B. B. Tilt, Calumet.....		3
Gray, Knickerbocker .....		4	18 Players .....		2
Homans, University .....		4	13 Players .....		1

## BASES ON BALLS.

Player.	Club.	No.	Player.	Club.	No.
Washington, Union.....		16	McCoy, Infantry .....		6
J. D. Pell, University.....		15	de Rham, Knickerbocker.....		6
Wilcox, University .....		12	Sheffield, Racquet & Tennis.....		6
Turnbull, Knickerbocker.....		10	B. B. Tilt, Calumet.....		6
Wrenn, Racquet & Tennis.....		9	Leonard, Racquet & Tennis.....		5
Stebbins, Racquet & Tennis.....		8	6 Players .....		4
A. R. Fish, Racquet & Tennis.....		8	4 Players .....		3
Aten, Calumet .....		8	12 Players .....		2
Benjamin, Union .....		7	20 Players .....		1
Watson, Union .....		7			

## LEADING RUN MAKERS.

Player.	Club.	No.	Player.	Club.	No.
Wilcox, University .....		37	Holt, Infantry .....		21
Leonard, Racquet & Tennis.....		33	de Rham, Knickerbocker.....		20
Litchfield, Racquet & Tennis.....		32	Homans, University .....		19
Moss, Knickerbocker .....		29	McCoy, Infantry .....		19
Washington, Union .....		29	Tweed, Knickerbocker .....		18
Simmons, University .....		29	A. R. Fish, Racquet & Tennis.....		18
Vander Poel, University.....		29	Brokaw, University .....		18
Wrenn, Racquet & Tennis.....		28	Gibbons, Union .....		16
B. B. Tilt, Calumet.....		27	Hinckley, Union .....		16
Benjamin, Union .....		26	Noel, Knickerbocker .....		14
J. D. Pell, University.....		25	Hildreth, Infantry .....		14
Watson, Union .....		23	Bigelow, Calumet .....		13
Sheffield, Racquet & Tennis.....		22	A. Tilt, Calumet.....		13
Janes, Infantry .....		22			

## STRUCK OUT BY PITCHERS.

Player.	Club.	No.	Player.	Club.	No.
Hildreth, Infantry .....		4	Stebbins, Racquet & Tennis.....		3
Noel, Knickerbocker.....		3	J. D. Pell, University.....		3
Turnbull, Knickerbocker .....		3	9 Players .....		2
Coppell, Racquet & Tennis.....		3	20 Players .....		1
Gibbons, Union .....		3			



## STOLEN BASES.

Player.	Club.	No.	Player.	Club.	No.
Simmons, University		36	Kernochan, Knickerbocker		9
Wilcox, University		30	H. Fish, Jr., Knickerbocker		9
Stebbins, Racquet & Tennis		29	Aten, Calumet		8
McCoy, Infantry		28	Ashmore, Infantry		8
Jones, Infantry		28	Marvin, Racquet & Tennis		7
Wrenn, Racquet & Tennis		27	Green, University		7
Vander Poel, University		27	Foster, Infantry		7
Litchfield, Racquet & Tennis		26	Norris, Racquet & Tennis		6
Benjamin, Union		24	Weeks, Union		6
Tweed, Knickerbocker		23	E. C. Bacon, Knickerbocker		5
Homans, University		21	Wagstaff, Union		5
Washington, Union		21	Cerero, Calumet		5
Moss, Knickerbocker		20	Hoyt, Knickerbocker		5
de Rham, Knickerbocker		19	Brown, Infantry		5
Hinckley, Union		19	Gauche, Infantry		5
Leonard, Racquet & Tennis		18	Richard, Calumet		4
Brokaw, University		18	Rae, Knickerbocker		4
Sheffield, Racquet & Tennis		17	DeLafield, Union		4
Holt, Infantry		17	Coppell, Racquet & Tennis		4
Taylor, Infantry		16	De Saulles, Union		3
A. R. Fish, Racquet & Tennis		16	Higginson, Knickerbocker		3
Hildreth, Infantry		16	Milburn, Knickerbocker		3
B. B. Tilt, Calumet		16	Smith, Union		3
Turnbull, Knickerbocker		15	Battershall, Calumet		3
Noel, Knickerbocker		15	Mellick, Calumet		3
J. D. Peil, University		15	Gray, Knickerbocker		3
Watson, Union		13	C. R. Schultz, Calumet		3
A. Tilt, Calumet		13	Leavitt, Union		2
Bigelow, Calumet		12	Babcock, Knickerbocker		2
Coolidge, Calumet		12	Coggeshall, University		2
Gibbons, Union		11	Cross, Knickerbocker		1
W. A. Tilt, Calumet		10	Mackay, Calumet		1
C. W. Schultz, Calumet		10	Chadbourne, Infantry		1
Clark, Racquet & Tennis		10			

## TEAM FIELDING AVERAGES.

Clubs.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	Clubs.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
Racquet & Tennis	15	321	163	35	.932	12th Infantry	15	390	167	59	.888
University	15	313	144	36	.928	Knickerbocker	15	306	129	65	.870
Union	15	306	162	48	.907	Calumet	15	287	127	80	.838

## INDIVIDUAL FIELDING AVERAGES.

First Basemen.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	First Basemen.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
H. Fish, Jr., Knick	56	5	2	.968	McCoy, Infantry	57	16	5	.936
Brokaw, University	102	4	5	.955	Foster, Infantry	49	2	4	.927
Stebbins, R. & T.	109	5	6	.950	Mellick, Calumet	26	8	9	.791
Hinckley, Union	86	13	6	.943	C. R. Schultz, Calumet	33	10	12	.733
Second Basemen.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.	Second Basemen.	P.O.	A.	E.	P.C.
Coggeshall, University	8	4	..	1.000	E. C. Bacon, Knick	15	5	4	.833
Terry, Knickerbocker	9	..	..	1.000	Kernochan, Knick	12	2	4	.777
Rawlins, R. & T.	1	..	..	1.000	McAlpin, University	4	1	2	.715
Litchfield, R. & T.	24	17	1	.976	Cerero, Calumet	10	..	4	.666
Gibbons, Union	37	19	2	.966	Mackay, Calumet	..	2	1	.666
Green, University	8	6	1	.933	Gerry, Knickerbocker	2	..	1	.666
C.W. Schultz, Calumet	15	9	2	.923	R. Bacon, University	..	1	..	1.500
Taylor, Infantry	25	10	3	.921	Gruner, R. & T.	..	..	1	.000
Gauche, Infantry	13	5	2	.900	Cross, Knickerbocker	..	..	..	.000
Noel, Knickerbocker	20	12	4	.888	Carey, Knickerbocker	..	..	..	.000
Theriot, Union	4	2	1	.857	Dean, Infantry	..	..	..	.000

## INDIVIDUAL FIELDING AVERAGES—Continued.

Third Basemen.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.	Third Basemen.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.
De Saulles, Union....	1	2	..	1.000	C. C. Pell, Union.....	4	4	1	.888
Clark, R. & T.....	26	16	1	.977	J. D. Pell, University..	38	30	10	.872
Wrenn, R. & T.....	27	55	2	.976	Moss, Knickerbocker..	38	43	14	.854
Washington, Union....	33	34	5	.935	B. B. Tilt, Calumet..	33	32	13	.833
Janes, Infantry.....	50	39	7	.927	Brown, Infantry.....	9	16	7	.781

Shortstops.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.	Shortstops.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.
Smith, Union.....	7	1	..	1.000	Rae, Knickerbocker....	23	6	5	.853
Dana, Knickerbocker..	1	..	..	1.000	Hildreth, Infantry.....	44	24	14	.829
Homans, University....	29	18	2	.959	Weeks, Union.....	13	6	4	.826
Gray, Knickerbocker..	17	7	2	.923	Babcock, Knick.....	16	4	5	.800
Coppell, R. & T.....	18	5	2	.920	Norris, R. & T.....	5	1	2	.750
A. Tilt, Calumet.....	40	16	8	.875	Richard, Calumet.....	3	1	2	.500
Leonard, R. & T.....	27	33	9	.870	Chadbourne, Infantry..	..	1	1	.500
Benjamin, Union.....	48	35	14	.856	Higginson, Knick.....	..	..	1	.000

Pitchers.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.	Pitchers.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.
W. A. Tilt, Calumet..	23	10	1	.971	Leavitt, Union.....	7	11	2	.900
Simmons, University..	35	29	3	.955	Wagstaff, Union.....	14	9	3	.884
Wilcox, University....	36	41	5	.939	Ashmore, Infantry....	16	43	10	.855
A. R. Fish, R. & T....	23	21	3	.936	Aten, Calumet.....	21	17	10	.792
de Rham, Knick.....	31	26	4	.934	Coolidge, Calumet....	23	12	11	.761
Delafield, Union.....	18	17	3	.921	Hoyt, Knickerbocker..	4	8	4	.750

Catchers.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.	Catchers.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.
Milburn, Knick.....	1	0	0	1.000	Holt, Infantry.....	37	11	6	.889
Marvin, R. & T.....	24	2	2	.928	Sheffield, R. & T.....	35	9	6	.880
Bigelow, Calumet.....	49	9	5	.921	Battershall, Calumet..	11	2	2	.866
Vander Pool, Univ....	52	11	7	.900	Watson, Union.....	29	9	7	.844
Turnbull, Knick.....	30	2	5	.892	Tweed, Knickerbocker.	32	9	10	.804

Players are classified under positions at which they had the most number of chances.

## PITCHERS' RECORDS.

Batters First on

	G.	SO.	Facing.	Errors.	Total.	Hits.	BB.	Total.	P.C.
A. R. Fish, R. & T. . . . .	14	11	408	24	384	138	3	141	.272
Wilcox, University. . . . .	11	5	304	21	283	106	11	117	.242
Tweed, Knickerbocker. . . . .	3	..	64	7	57	23	5	28	.229
Hoyt, Knickerbocker. . . . .	2	..	66	..	66	26	3	29	.228
Simmons, University. . . . .	7	6	156	5	151	57	14	71	.213
Aten, Calumet. . . . .	5	3	184	20	164	72	7	79	.207
de Rham, Knick. . . . .	10	2	271	31	240	113	6	119	.202
Noel, Knickerbocker. . . . .	1	..	4	..	4	1	1	2	.200
Leavitt, Union. . . . .	5	1	172	10	162	74	10	84	.193
Delafield, Union. . . . .	4	2	122	8	114	54	5	59	.193
W. A. Tilt, Calumet. . . . .	4	8	83	9	74	25	14	39	.190
Sheffield, R. & T. . . . .	3	..	64	4	60	27	6	33	.182
Coolidge, Calumet. . . . .	8	7	244	32	212	106	11	117	.181
McCoy, Infantry. . . . .	3	..	85	10	75	38	5	43	.174
Wagstaff, Union. . . . .	3	2	109	8	101	57	9	63	.160
Rae, Knickerbocker. . . . .	4	4	92	5	87	50	7	57	.153
Washington, Union. . . . .	2	..	9	..	9	4	2	6	.150
Holt, Infantry. . . . .	1	..	40	4	36	21	3	24	.150
Hildreth, Infantry. . . . .	3	..	90	12	78	46	7	53	.147
Ashmore, Infantry. . . . .	12	6	274	18	256	116	63	179	.143
Benjamin, Union. . . . .	5	..	125	10	115	68	18	86	.134
Moss, Knickerbocker. . . . .	2	2	54	6	48	33	6	39	.123

## Classified Rules for Inter-Club Base Ball

As Adopted and Revised by the Inter-Club Base Ball League of  
New York City.

### RULE I.

The diamond is laid at one end of the ground, leaving room for the catcher, who always plays close behind the batsman. The bases (except the home plate) are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet square, made of canvas, half filled with sand or other similar substance. The home plate is of rubber and is 1 foot square. Each side of the diamond is  $49\frac{1}{2}$  feet long, and a base is placed in each corner and need not be fastened to the floor. The distance from home to second base, and from first to third base, is 70 feet. The pitcher's box is 9 x 3 feet, the nearest line of said box to be 31 feet from the back of home base. The batsman's box (one to the left and one to the right of the home base) shall be 4 feet long and 3 feet wide, extending 1 foot in front of and 3 feet behind a center line through the home base, with its nearest side distant 6 inches from the home base, the outlines to be marked on the floor.

Ground	{	Alike and interchangeable.
Floor		

### RULE II.

#### THE FOUL LINE.

The foul lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the home base, along the outer edge of the first and third bases to the boundaries of the ground, so that the bases shall come within the diamond.

### RULE III.

#### THE BALL.

The ball must be 14 inches only in circumference, made of a yielding substance not less than 8 ounces in weight, and covered with a white skin; should it become ripped or torn during the game, a new one must be substituted.

### RULE IV.

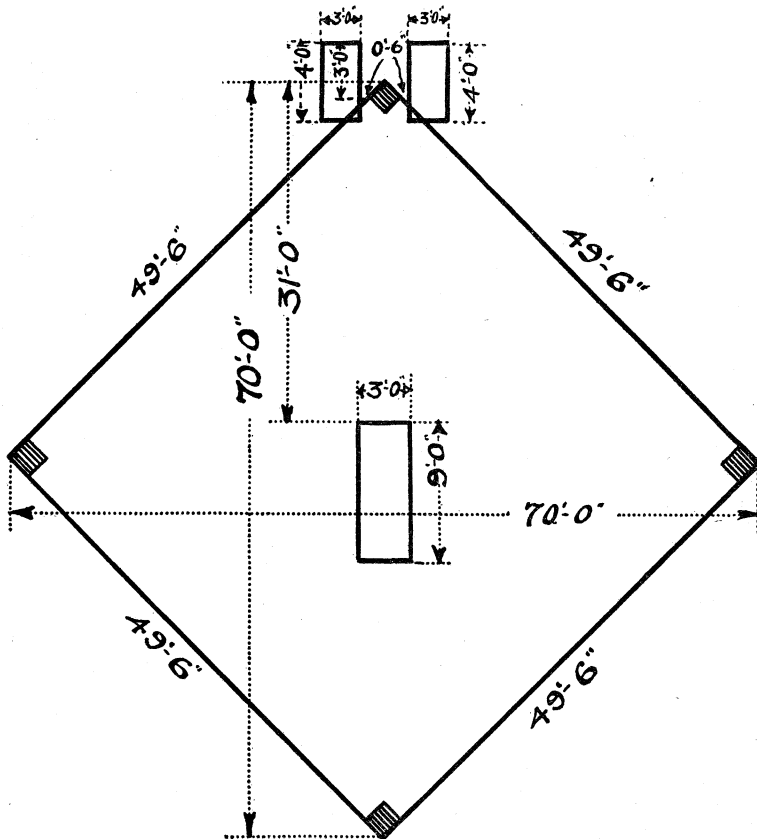
#### THE BAT.

The bat must be  $2\frac{3}{4}$  feet long and not larger than  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter in the largest part, and may have a rubber tip on the handle to prevent slipping. It must be made otherwise of wood, except that a metal rod may be passed through the center to give desired weight, but under no circumstances is lead to be used in loading. The handle may be wound with string or tape.

### RULE V.

#### THE PLAYERS.

Six players must constitute a side. The players' positions shall be such as shall be assigned them by their captain (on fair ground), except that the pitcher must take his position within the pitcher's lines. When in position on the field, all players will be designated as "fielders" in these rules.



## RULE VI.

## THE PITCHER.

The pitcher shall take his position facing the batter with one foot on the ground wholly within the box, and in the act of delivering the ball shall not be restricted as to curving the ball or swinging his arm, except on the final swing, when the arm must be swung parallel with the body.

He shall hold the ball before the delivery fairly in front of his body and in sight of the umpire.

## RULE VII.

## THE GAME.

Unfinished games, from any cause whatsoever, must be completed from the point when called on some date arranged between the two captains of those teams competing in such games.

## RULE VIII.

## A TIE GAME.

If the score be a tie at the end of the seventh inning to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side in an equal number of innings, or until the other side shall score one or more runs than the first side at bat.

## RULE IX.

## A FORFEITED GAME.

A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

(a) If the required number of players to constitute a team fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field fail to begin the game within 15 minutes after the umpire has called "play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

(b) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

## RULE X.

## SUBSTITUTES.

The base runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by the consent of the captains of the contesting teams.

Any man substituting for another not in game must play at least one full inning, except when used as a base runner.

## RULE XI.

## CHOICE OF INNINGS.

The choice of innings shall be decided by flipping a coin.

## RULE XII.

## GOOD AND BAD BALLS.

A ball legally delivered by the pitcher which passes over any part of the home base not lower than the batsman's knee nor higher than his shoulder is a good ball. Otherwise it is a bad ball. It being assumed that the batter is standing erect while in his position.

## RULE XIII.

## ILLEGAL BALLS.

A ball delivered by the pitcher with any part of his person out of the box.

An illegal pitch entitles the batsman to a base on balls. No base runner can advance unless forced.

## RULE XIV.

## DEAD BALLS.

Any fair hit ball that, before touching ground, remains fixed in or on any obstruction, such as wall, tree, fence, net or gallery, shall be called a dead ball, and no base runner can advance.

Any pitched ball striking the batter is a dead ball, but entitles the batter to a ball. (If a thrown ball hits base runner in any attempt to put him out it does not constitute a dead ball.) If a batter intentionally gets in the way or interferes with any legally delivered ball a strike shall be called. If it should be the third strike the batter is out. No base can be run on a dead ball, unless forced.

## RULE XV.

## BALL NOT IN PLAY.

In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught out, dead ball, or base runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the pitcher standing in his box.

Note—Any player other than the pitcher receiving the ball and standing in the pitcher's position cannot put the ball in play.

## RULE XVI.

## BLOCK BALLS.

A block ball is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game, or any ball over the net behind first base.

(a) Whenever a block occurs, base runners may take one base without being put out.

(b) Special ground rules may be made allowing a certain number of bases on a fair hit into the crowd (or a thrown ball), in which case the above section is void.

## RULE XVII.

## THE SCORING OF RUNS.

One run shall be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the home base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching first base, a run shall not be scored.

## RULE XVIII.

## FAIR AND FOUL BALLS.

(a) A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base, or between home and third base, or that is on fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base, or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base, or that while over fair ground touches the person of the umpire or a player.

- (b) A batted ball first striking outside the foul line shall be foul.
- (c) A fly ball striking walls, fences, trees or any obstruction shall be judged "fair" or "foul" according to the location of the wall, fence, tree or obstruction which is first struck.

## RULE XIX.

## STRIKES.

- (a) A strike is a ball struck at by the batsman without it touching his bat.

Note—On a foul tip bounding off the catcher and caught by a fielder the base runner can advance the instant the ball strikes the catcher's person, and if the fielder catches the ball the base runner is entitled to all the bases he can make.

- (b) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the batsman.
- (c) A ball, legally delivered by the pitcher and intentionally interfered with by the batsman.
- (d) Any foul bunt.
- (e) A foul ball, except third strike.

## RULE XX.

## FOUL STRIKES AND TIPS.

- (a) A foul strike is a ball batted by the batsman when any part of his person is upon the ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.
- (b) A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position, that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

## RULE XXI.

## THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

- (a) The batsman is out if he bats out of his turn and makes a fair hit or reaches first base before the error is discovered. This rule shall not be enforced unless the "out" be declared before the ball has been delivered by the pitcher to the succeeding batsman.
- (b) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.
- (c) If a fair hit or foul fly, though touching any obstruction such as wall or fixture, is caught before touching ground.
- (d) If he makes a foul strike.
- (e) If he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball, or fouls the ball intentionally, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.  
Note—If the batter interferes with the catcher fielding his position, the base runners cannot advance on the play.
- (f) If three strikes are called.
- (g) If on third strike he intentionally gets in the way or interferes with any legally delivered ball.
- (h) If the batsman is hit by the ball on the third strike he shall be declared out.
- (i) If in running to first he is hit by a foul fly, before ball touches floor, or by any fair ball.

- (j) On caught foul tip.
- (k) On foul bunt if third strike.
- (l) If fielder legally holds ball on first base before runner arrives.

#### RULE XXII.

##### BASE RUNNING.

The batsman becomes a base runner.

- (a) Instantly after he makes a fair hit.
- (b) Instantly after four balls have been called by the umpire.

#### RULE XXIII.

##### BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

The base runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., first, second, third and home base; but when obliged to return may go directly to the base which he legally holds.

#### RULE XXIV.

##### ENTITLED TO BASES.

The base runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one base in the following cases:

- (a) One base on a fair fly not caught, if forced.
- (b) If the umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls and the base runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.
- (c) If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher or is fumbled, only one base may be taken, provided the runner makes it, unless it is a third strike, when the runner is entitled to all he can get, and batter is out.
- (d) If the pitcher does not give him time to return to his base.
- (e) If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire on fair ground.
- (f) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary, unless such adversary has the ball in his possession.
- (g) On a fair or foul fly ball caught the base runner can advance, providing he does not leave his base until after the ball is caught or touches catcher. (This does not exempt the runner from being put out.)
- (h) If the person or clothing of the umpire is struck by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base runner.
- (i) One base on a block ball.
- (j) One base on a fair hit over fence or net.

#### RULE XXV.

##### RETURNING TO BASES.

The base runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out—

- (a) If the umpire declares a foul hit which is not legally caught by a fielder.
- (b) If the umpire declares a foul strike.
- (c) If the umpire declares a dead ball.
- (d) On batter's interference with catcher's fielding.
- (e) If batsman in going to first is hit by foul fly before it touches floor or by any fair ball.



## RULE XXVI.

## BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

(a) If he intentionally kicks or interferes with a ball he has just batted.

[If a ball he has just batted rebounds and hits him he shall be declared out on that account unless he is in his box.]

(b) If the third strike be caught or not caught, the batter is out.

(c) If, after a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder before such base runner touches first base.

(d) If, after a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person, before such base runner touches first base.

(e) If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder; but in case a fielder be occupying a base runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the base runner shall run out of the path and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(f) If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or if he in any way obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball.

(g) If ball touches base runner when off base, except when running from home to first base, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy; but in running to first base he may over-run said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning first base, he also attempts to run to second base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(h) If, when a fair or foul fly is legally caught, such ball is legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base runner when such ball was struck, or the base runner be touched with the ball before he retouches said base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught.

(i) If a fair hit ball strikes him, except when a runner is holding a base he is legally entitled to, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the batsman becoming a base runner, and no run shall be scored.

(j) If, when running to a base, he fails to touch the intervening base or bases in regular order, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch by a fielder holding the ball on said base, in the same manner as in running to first base.

Note—If a batsman running to first base, or a base runner is hit by a foul fly before it touches floor, or by any fair ball, he shall be declared out, and no base runner can advance on this play.

## RULE XXVII.

## RULES FOR BASE RUNNING.

Note—Base runner is to touch each base in regular order. However, when obliged to return, he may do so directly.

A. Base runner *can* advance (may be put out)—

(1) On a fair hit.

(2) After a fair or foul fly has been caught.

- (3) After a foul tip caught.
  - (4) On three strikes except according to following:
    - (a) If batter intentionally interferes with pitched ball.
    - (b) On a foul bunt.
  - (5) One base on a passed ball, except on third strike, when he is entitled to all he can get.
  - (6) The instant a foul tip ball bounds off catcher, provided such ball is caught by a fielder before striking floor.
  - (7) No base runner may score ahead of the man who precedes him in the batting order, if that player is also a base runner.
  - B. Base runner cannot advance—must return to base and can do so without being put out—
    - (1) On dead ball (neither can batter) unless forced.
    - (2) If touched by fair hit ball while on his own base, unless forced.
- Exception—If batted ball hits umpire or fielder before touching base runner on his base he may make all the bases he can and may be put out.
- (3) If batter intentionally interfered with pitched ball.
  - (4) If batter interferes with catcher's fielding.
  - (5) If batsman, in going to first, is hit by foul fly before it touches floor or by any fair ball.
  - (6) If a foul tip bounding off catcher is not caught.
  - (7) On foul hit not caught.
  - (8) On foul strike.

#### RULE XXVIII.

##### TURN EITHER WAY.

In returning to first base, after overrunning, the baseman may turn either way provided he does not try for second base.

#### RULE XXIX.

##### SAFELY ON A BASE.

A base runner is safely on a base if he slides with the bag and clings to it; or, if any part of his person is touching the spot where the bag should be; or, he is safe if he has touched the home base or where the base should be.

[If, in sliding with the bag at any base, he should stop, he must then return with the bag to the proper spot before starting for another base, the same as in overrunning first base.]

#### RULE XXX.

##### COACHING RULES.

- (a) The coaches are restricted in coaching to base runners only, and are not allowed to address any remarks except to base runners, and then only in words of necessary direction.
- (b) No coacher will be allowed up when the bases are unoccupied, and only one coacher when one base is occupied, and no more than two coaches when two or more bases are occupied.

## RULE XXXI.

## SUITABLE SHOES.

Only shoes with rubber soles or other soft material shall be used in the Armory. Base ball spikes are prohibited at all times.

## RULE XXXII.

## PITCHER MUST WAIT.

When a base runner is legally entitled to return to a base, the pitcher must wait a reasonable time for him to reach the base, on penalty of giving the base runner another base for violation.

## RULE XXXIII.

## UMPIRES.

(a) The umpires are masters of the field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and are entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or injury to either of them may be promptly ejected from the room or field by those in charge.

(b) The umpires must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the playing rules, and are hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as they may deem necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions.

(c) There shall be two umpires, who shall take suitable positions on the field for observing the plays which they are to judge.

(d) No. 1 shall decide on and call all balls, strikes, blocks, dead balls, illegal deliveries, fair and foul hits, ground hits, foul strikes, all questions arising at home plate, and shall call play or time, and shall take a position behind the catcher.

(e) No. 2 shall judge all base plays excepting those at home plate and shall take a position about ten feet back of the base line, midway between home and first or home and third bases, or where he can best view the play.

(f) The umpires shall be sole judges of the play, and discussion will only be allowed on correct interpretation of the rules and not on any optional decision. All such discussions are restricted to the two captains.

(g) The two umpires shall change positions at the end of every full inning.

(h) In case an umpire for some reason cannot decide a play, he shall refer to his colleague. The umpire shall ask the captain of the home team whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, they shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules.

(i) The umpires must keep the contesting teams playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident or injury. The umpires must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must require the first batter of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

## RULE XXXIV.

## CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

(a) The umpire designated as No. 1 must call "play" promptly at the hours designated, and on the call of "play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "time," play must be suspended until he calls "play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a fielder, "time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his box.)

(b) "Time" must not be called for trivial causes. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with either umpire is a gross violation of the rules and the umpire must not allow it.

## RULE XXXV.

## SCORING.

In order to promote uniformity in scoring, the following suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game.

No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be given first base on called balls or on a sacrifice hit.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the number of hits made by each player.

A hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first base.

When a ball is hit with such force to a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

That in all cases where a base runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a hit.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be set down the number of runs made by each player during the game.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be set down the number of opponents put out by each player. When a batsman is called out for a foul strike, or when he fails to bat in the proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In all cases of out for interference or running out of line, the put-out shall be credited to the player who would have made the play, but for the action of the base runner or batsman.

SEC. 5. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the fifth column. An assist shall be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a put-out or other play of the kind. An assist should be given to the player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting.

SEC. 6. An error should be given in the sixth column for each mis-

play which allows the batsman or base runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "bases on balls," or illegal pitched balls, or passed balls, all of which comprise battery errors, shall not be included in this column.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base runner advances an extra base because of the error.

No error shall be scored against a fielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained.

#### Referring to Runs—

- (1) One run is to be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch home before three men are put out.
- (2) No run counted, coming in on a third man "forced out," or put out at first.
- (3) Runner is safe if touching bag or spot where bag should be. Likewise with home plate.
- (4) Runner may overrun first base, but must turn away from second in so doing. Can return either way.
- (5) If he slides with bag and stops, must return with bag, as in overrunning first, before going on.
- (6) Unless forced, no run to be scored if a man on base is hit by a batted ball.

### RULE XXXVI.

#### SUMMARY.

- SECTION 1. The score made in each inning of the game.
- SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.
- SEC. 5. The number of hits made off each pitcher.
- SEC. 6. The number of times the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.
- SEC. 7. The number of times the pitcher gives bases on balls.
- SEC. 8. The number of passed balls by each catcher.
- SEC. 9. The time of the game.
- SEC. 10. The name of the umpires.



1, Moore; 2, W. H. Halas; 3, Foster; 4, O'Neill; 5, G. S. Halas; 6, Campion; 7, C. L. Chambers, Grand Knight; 8, F. R. Halas; 9, A. T. Greeley, Mgr.; 10, J. J. Corcoran, Capt.; 11, Morrissey; 12, Trnka; 13, Clancey, Mascot; 14, Gould.

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World's Champions; K. of C. League Champions, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15; Western Division Champions, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15.

## **Knights of Columbus Indoor Base Ball League of Chicago**

BY JAMES F. CORCORAN.

It seems that the older the Knights of Columbus Indoor League gets the stronger it becomes. But, of course, this is only natural in a way, for, likening it to a human being, both are bound to build up and broaden out, as they advance in years, if the proper attention is given and sufficient care is taken to prevent the creeping in of outside influences and evils which would in any way tend to hinder the growth or progress of either.

The Knights of Columbus League has just completed its fifth season and viewing it from every little angle, one could safely say that it was the most successful year since the organization's inception. Some people are apt to be careless at times in using the adjective "successful," as, no matter what kind of a season a league really did have, nine out of ten writers are bound to state that the season was so great that words couldn't describe it, etc. Not so in this review. Those of Chicago who have followed the league along its course during the 1914-15 season well know that the largest Fraternal Indoor Base Ball League in the world finished its season with colors elevated to the gentle breezes and was mainly responsible for the revival of interest in Indoor Base Ball in Chicago.

Thomas D. Griffin, a member of Marquette Council, presided over the body during the past season and he surely proved a capable successor to that sterling gentleman, Thos. F. O'Connell of Carroll Council, who ruled during the two previous terms. Griffin, in addition to being a firm ruler, possessed that something which knits men together; that which makes them feel as if they are all essential parts of a machine and that their humble effort is needed if the league is to accomplish anything or be successful in the long run. He ruled with an iron hand and his decisions were never questioned. As a reward for his assiduous labor and faithful services, the managers re-elected him to the same post for the 1915-16 season.

Matty Fitzpatrick, well known throughout the central west for his work as an arbiter in various base ball leagues, was appointed Chief-Umpire by the President and one of the most competent staffs ever assembled under one head was gotten together by him. Bobby Roth of the White Sox worked in the league throughout the season and his work was more than satisfactory. Some other members of the staff were Frank Killian, John P. A. Conley, Robert McBride, Tommy Mee, erstwhile member of the St. Louis Browns; Mike Meyer, Frank Gilfeather and James Johnson.

When the bell tapped on November 18th sending Barry and St. Patrick's together for the initial battle in the league, the roster of Secretary Paul V. Hyland showed twenty-two clubs enrolled. This is the largest entry list in the league's history. In 1913, nineteen teams toed the mark at the opening of the season, while the season before saw sixteen aggregations in pursuit of the silken streamer.

The league was divided into four divisions, North, West, South and Central. In the Western division, Commodore Barry, Hennepin, Damen, St. Patrick's, La Fayette and Bishop Ketteler councils were gathered



1, Callaghan; 2, Bowes; 3, O'Brien; 4, Fraher; 5, F. M. Walsh, Mgr.; 6, T. Gleason; 7, Colfer; 8, McDonald; 9, Murphy; 10, J. Gleason. Hohhof, Photo.

LEO XIII COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CHICAGO, ILL.  
Champions Southern Division, Knights of Columbus League, 1914-15.



1, F. W. Flynn, Mgr.; 2, Justin McCarthy, Jr.; 3, Justin McCarthy, Grand Knight; 4, Kavanaugh; 5, J. Shields; 6, LaHenry; 7, Groenwald; 8, E. Shields; 9, Spencer, Capt.; 10, Gill; 11, Crotty; 12, Jones; 13, H. Brown, Mascot; 14, Flynn; 15, Heath. Koehne, Photo.

DANIEL O'CONNELL COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CHICAGO, ILL.  
Champions Northern Division, Knights of Columbus League, 1914-15,



and after four months of warm milling the Barry team was returned victor for the fourth consecutive season. They took the lead at the start and never gave up their position. Hennepin, Damen and St. Patrick's councils were represented by teams much stronger than the average independent club, but Barry was made up of experts who had performed together for a number of seasons, and although the aforementioned three fought hard all along the route they were unable to unseat Barry's tried collection of pastimers. Barry was defeated but once during the regular season and that walloping was dealt them by John Gorman's Damen nine on Sunday afternoon, February 21st. Damen won by counting five times in the final frame after Barry had taken a 7 to 3 lead. As events afterward proved it was their only defeat of the season, as they cantered through the final series with a clean slate.

The success of Barry in the Western section of the league was due to the wonderful work on the pitching line of Frank Halas.

O'Connell, Columbus, University, Marquette, Tonti, and De Soto made up the Northern division and one of the prettiest races seen in the league in years resulted. The surprise of this section was the unexpected strength shown by the Little Giants of O'Connell Council, who captured the pennant by a full game over their nearest rivals. The O'Connells clinched it on Saturday evening, March 6th, by whaling Columbus in decisive fashion. Had O'Connell dropped this match to the former champs both Marquette and De Soto would have remained in the running, but the victory ended the final hopes of the pair.

De Soto had an exceptionally strong club in the field but they were handicapped by not having a pitcher of the same class of the other performers on the team. They held first place for a good portion of the season, but after a beating handed them by O'Connell they dropped to second place and never again managed to regain the summit.

The O'Connells were given the name of "Little Giants" because of the abbreviated size of the majority of the players. It was their first year in the league and their feat of winning the pennant in this division was indeed a remarkable one. Tom Flynn was appointed manager of the team soon after the council had voted to place a club in the league and he immediately set about to build up a respectable outfit. It was far from Flynn's mind to win a flag on the first attempt in the organization, as he did not know half the players who reported to him for the initial practice nor was he conversant with their playing ability. The team lost the opening game of the season to De Soto, but after that beating their setbacks were mighty few and indeed far between.

The team was noted for its speed on the base lines and its ability to manufacture tallies out of a small number of hits. Flynn gradually drilled the boys on team play and before the season closed they knew as much about the inside workings of the pastime as any squad on the circuit. Pitcher Eddie Shields and Catcher Tom Gill, the battery of the Little Giants, were two important cogs in the machine. Shields was probably the smallest pegger in Chicago but he could throw a ball with as much speed as any man in the league. He possessed a varied assortment of shoots which he mixed well. His famous drop ball was practically unhittable. Gill took care of Shields' curves in clever fashion and made the little pitcher deliver the best he had all through the season. Gill's accurate arm was the talk of the circuit, while his big bat also disturbed the records of quite a few pitchers.

The Southern division was composed of Leo XIII, McHale, Aquinas, San Salvador, La Rabida and Englewood councils. The race in this section was exciting from the start. La Rabida, Leo and McHale were very much in the fight from the time the gong sounded and it was not

until the final game of the season that the winner was known. Leo won out because it had the best balanced team and the classiest hurler in the division in Callahan, a youngster who came to the front with a hop, step and a jump. La Rabida had a fair club but the work of the team was not consistent. When Johnny Farrell, the little second baseman of Tinker's Whales, worked behind the stick the team acted like a championship outfit, but he was forced to join the Fed team in the South before the season closed and his loss proved a knockout wallop to La Rabida's chances.

The defense of the McHale team was strong but their work on offense was weak. The loss of the championship was probably due more to their failing in this department of the game than to any other cause.

Neither San Salvador or Aquinas showed much strength during the season. Englewood staged a grandstand finish, just before the curtain dropped, but they were too far behind to cause much of a flurry. Their final spurt gave them victories over two of the leading teams, so it could be said that their rallying power really decided the pennant.

Loyola Council, under the management of W. J. Kelleher, made a runaway race of it in the Central division, St. James, Fort Dearborn and De La Salle offering little or no opposition during the year. Of the three, Fort Dearborn showed the strongest and had the distinction of being the only club in the section to hold a victory over Loyola. This was the only section in the league where the flag-race was not interesting. From the start of the season it became evident that for Loyola it was only a matter of playing out the schedule to cop the championship, because their club outclassed the other entrants to such an extent that there was very little comparison. John Carey, who made a name for himself while a pitcher on the Old Seward Park team, city champions of 1909 and 1910, worked in the center of the diamond for Loyola and he, together with Carl Kempf, a member of the famous old Spalding team, formed the backbone of the club. Kempf joined the team in midseason at right short and his swatting, fielding and base-running helped along considerably.

Roger Mulcahy, flinger on Fort Dearborn, was handicapped by having a shaky team to back him up. He was the team's hardest clouter and his long wallops broke up a number of games.

For its games the teams used four of the best halls in the city. Those in the Western division decided their battles at St. Francis Hall, Twelfth Street and Newberry, which had a seating capacity of close to 1,000 persons. On many occasions during the season it was taxed to its capacity. The North Side clubs utilized De Paul University Gymnasium, while those in the Central section played at Motorcycle Hall, 3518 Ellis Avenue. Entertainers' Hall, Thirty-first Street and Indiana Avenue, the largest on the south side for indoor base ball, was the battlefield of Southern division aggregations. In the final series, Battery B Gymnasium, on the north side, St. Francis Hall and Entertainers' Hall were used. Battery B was substituted for De Paul Gymnasium because it was thought the latter place would not be large enough to hold the crowds.

#### THE FINAL SERIES.

In a series of games that was prolific of some of the most scientific indoor base ball seen in Chicago since the days of the old Chicago League, Barry, the Western section champions, retained its title as City Champion after an interesting quarrel with Leo, Loyola and O'Connell, flag-winners respectively in the Southern, Central and Northern divisions. Barry went through the finals without losing a game,

although they came mighty close to it on three occasions, each team coming within a tally of trimming the champions.

In the second game of the series, which was played at St. Francis Hall, Loyola outhit and outfielded Barry, but bonehead work on the base lines cost them the game. Carey outpitched the veteran Halas and had he been accorded the support his pitching deserved he would have won, but his backers fell down on him and he was forced to take the small portion of the score for his end. The count of this match was 5 to 4. The fifth clash between Leo and Barry was loaded with thrills. Barry copped 8 to 7 because they clouted in the pinches. Both Halas and Callahan were swatted hard while the fielders of both teams also seemed off color. Leo got away to a fine start but Barry's tremendous batting power soon cut down the lead and a home run shot by Artie Moore toward the finish of the combat spelled defeat for the Leonites. The deciding game of the series was played on Friday, April 9th, and was the longest contest of all the games played. Barry and O'Connell were the principals and the former won 3 to 2 after twelve innings of play. The winning run went over on a wild throw. Despite the fact that the temperature bobbed around the 80 mark more than 500 fans witnessed the game. All the other contests were marked by good, clean playing. O'Connell finished in second place in the championship standing with Loyola and Leo following in the order named.

When a general review and summing up of the series is made, it becomes evident how closely these contests, for the most part, were played; for there were very few of the games in which either one team or the other showed such a preponderance of strength that a rally at the last moment might not have defeated it. Barry won on its merits and therefore are entitled to all the praise one cares to shower upon them. They were not in the least bit overconfident in their games, as Manager Greeley was well aware of the fact that his club was going against three of the best nines in the city in Leo, O'Connell and Loyola.

He impressed indelibly on their minds that they were in for a tough fight and, as it developed, they surely got it. Of course, the slogan in all parts of the city was, "Beat Barry," and a good part of the fans who were not interested in the welfare of any one club doubtless rooted for the dethronement of the present title holders and the crowning of a new champion. But Barry had the class; they fought hard, took advantage of the other teams' slips and through the wonderful pitching of Frank Halas and the expert playing of Frank Morrissey, Artie Moore, George Halas, Joe Corcoran, Wallie Halas, Steve Gould, Frank Trnka, George Mulligan and A. T. Greeley won an honorable and well deserved victory. This is the fourth team in as many years that Manager Greeley, the greatest manager the Knights of Columbus League ever saw, has piloted to a world's championship.

It was O'Connell's first appearance in a league race and they accomplished more and probably did more good for the organization than some of the teams which have held membership since the league was launched. More credit should be given Manager Flynn than any other pilot in the league, because with a handful of recruits he almost turned the same trick as Manager Stallings, in beating a world's champion. The Little Giants did excellent work during the year and they have good reason to feel proud of themselves and their manager, Tom Flynn, the miracle man of the Knights of Columbus Indoor League.

Loyola battled in hard luck in nearly every game during the series and they have many good reasons to breathe a few "cusses" against Old Dame Fortune and her mode of operation. In all their games in the finals the Loyolians did not get more than five "breaks." They

often say that the good club makes the breaks, but Kelleher's team was an exception to the rule, as they played good ball in all their battles and yet did not get the breaks when they would have counted. Johnny Carey heaved grand ball in the finals and he surely deserved a better fate. The Loyola-Barry game, which the former kicked away, will live long in the minds of all the K. C. athletes and fans.

Leo had the ball team; they had all the requisites which go to make up a championship club but they simply couldn't dig their spikes deep enough into the ground to get a foothold. True it is, they didn't win a match, but in every encounter they battled to the very end, game in every sense of the word. Manager Frank Walsh is to be congratulated for the excellent generalship he used in running the team during the season, and especially in the post-season games.

On January 31st, at St. Francis Hall, six hundred fans turned out to the benefit game which was played for the widow and family of M. E. "Bay" Shaw, one of Chicago's greatest indoor pitchers, who died during the year. The contest was played between a team composed of members of the old Seward Park team, gathered together for the first time in five years, and the Commodore Barry club. Seward Park won, 9 to 5, by rallying in the eleventh inning, with four runs. A neat sum was turned over to Mrs. Shaw and her child. The officers of the league intend to make the game an annual affair.

Another notable event during the season was the playing of a benefit game for the widow and child of Jimmy Doyle, former Cub player, who passed away a few years ago. John Evers, captain of the World's Champions of 1914, and Basil D. Slattery were the instigators of the movement. Slattery, manager of the Columbus team of the Northern division of the K. of C. League, sent his nine against a picked team of Major Leaguers under the wing of Billy Sullivan and to the surprise of all Chicago the Major Leaguers, some of whom had never played indoor ball before, defeated the Columbus team 3 to 1. The match was staged at the Coliseum and the receipts of the game added to subscriptions which were received totaled close to \$3,000. The Big Leaguers were made up of Billy Sullivan of the Sox, Tom McGuire and Johnny Farrell of the Chicago Feds, Al Dillon, a local man; Jimmy Archer of the Cubs, Eddie Stack of the Cubs, Bobby Roth and Buck Weaver of the Sox and Charley O'Leary, formerly of Detroit.

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## Bright Prospects in Portland, Ore.

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Although up to recently there was practically no indoor base ball played in Portland, it was largely due to the fact that facilities had been exceedingly poor, inasmuch as there was not a hall sufficiently large to enable the game to be played to the best advantage.

The Oregon National Guard has erected a building, however, which will no doubt fill the requirements hereafter, and with this impetus the game will no doubt thrive and continue to flourish. At the time this was written the Portland Indoor Base Ball League was being formed, to comprise the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club as well as all the members of the Portland City Base Ball League.

The game is also being taken up by the colleges. The Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon have recognized indoor base ball as a competitive athletic sport and no doubt the inter-class fraternities will follow their example.